

BRIDGEPORTER WILL SALVAGE LOST EMPRESS

Represents Company That Has
Contract to Save Part
of Cargo.

MUCH DEPENDS ON
POSITION OF SHIP
Divers Can Reach Ship If She
Rests on Her Own
Bottom.

Bridgeport is to take part in the efforts to salvage bodies and cargo from the sunken Empress of Ireland, and possibly raise the sunken ship from its resting place in the St. Lawrence river. Lieut. Commander Richard H. M. Robinson, general manager of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company of this city, a marine engineering expert of wide experience in the raising of sunken vessels, and identified with one of the most progressive salvage companies in the world, has already obtained a contract for salvaging a certain portion of the valuable cargo consigned to Europe on the ship, and for the recovery of which thousands of dollars will be spent by the insurance companies. He may get the contract to salvage the entire ship and raise the bodies in the event of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company relinquishing its rights in the wreck. The Lake Torpedo Boat Company of this city is not identified with the enterprise.

Lieut. Commander Robinson, who for over a year has occupied the position of general manager of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company, and in an advisory and technical capacity was formerly connected with the United States navy department, with offices in Washington, D. C. He is a naval expert and through interests and developments in the connection with the raising of sunken vessels with which he has come in close contact for the past fourteen years is considered one of the best authorities upon ways and means of raising sunken vessels. He is also connected financially with a New York salvage company which undertakes the most difficult marine salvage operations.

Representative of this company is already at the scene of the wreck, where an effort is being made to secure the exact depth and position of the boat, immediately following which operations will begin. Representatives of the Canadian Pacific and other wrecking companies are also there, but it is the belief of the local man, upon whose shoulders will devolve the laying of plans for the raising of the vessel as soon as definite information of her position is received, that this company, through patents they own, will be awarded the contract for raising the whole vessel.

It is the general belief, from newspaper reports, that the Empress of Ireland lies in about 120 feet of water more or less, half way between Father Point and Quebec, Canada.

In marine disasters there are several ways of setting contractors to work by the underwriters. The two principal methods are to award contracts for stipulated expenses with a bonus, where all wrecking and salvage companies compete. The other, which is a customer in cases where little hope for the raising of the vessel exists is to let the contract, "No cure, no pay," which will probably be invoked in this instance. In this event, the salvage company bears all expenses and the reward is enormous, where a large ship is raised.

MAY BURY NORDICA IN LONDON CHAPEL

New York, June 6.—George W. Young called today on the Emperor on his way to Versailles where he will await the arrival of the body of his wife, Mrs. Lillian Nordica, who died in Boston.

Class of 400 Confirmed at Sacred Heart Church

A class of over 400 children were confirmed this morning at Sacred Heart R. C. church by Bishop John G. Nilan. Thomas Devitt and Miss Frances Arnold acted as sponsors. Mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock.

MURDER VERDICT IN FRANK CASE UPHELD

Atlanta, Ga., June 6.—Judge Ben H. Hill, of the Fulton county superior court, today sustained the state's demurrer to the motion to set aside the verdict by which Leo M. Frank was found guilty of the murder of Mary Phagan, a factory girl.

THREE ARRESTS GIVE CLUE TO AUTO BANDITS

Alleged Confession by Chauffeur Believed to Clear Bold Robberies.

New York, June 6.—Joseph Longo, a chauffeur, and James Fay, a pool-room owner, were held today charged with participation in the holding up yesterday of two employees of the American Can Company who were robbed of nearly \$3,000.

PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS TO HAVE CONFERENCE

A call for a meeting of progressive Democrats has been issued over the signatures of former mayor W. C. Fisher of Middletown, J. M. Conery, Middletown, R. M. D'Arche, Hartford; G. M. Wallace, New Haven; C. M. Gallup, West Hartford; G. W. Hull, Bristol.

The meeting will be at Lake Connecticut, June 27. The conference will be called at 3 p. m. The committee says in its notice of conference.

Connecticut Democracy is facing a crisis. With party lines everywhere giving way, we have unmistakable assurance that thousands of our fellow citizens, hitherto Democrats, will no longer submit to reactionary leadership.

TOLLS REPEAL VOTE IS EXPECTED NEXT WEEK

Washington, June 6.—The Panama tolls exemption bill had the right of way in the Senate today with prospects that debate on the measure will be concluded late today and a vote had early next week. The bill came up in the Senate automatically and was to be considered to the exclusion of all other business.

BOERS START FOR U. S. TO STUDY FARMING

Cape Town, Union of South Africa, June 6.—A party of 53 farmers under the leadership of Johannes Adrian Naser, member for Potchefstroom in the parliament of the Union of South Africa, left today for England on their way to America where they are to make a tour of investigation of the agricultural methods.

J. D. Hazen announced in the House of Commons that the government inquiry into the Empress of Ireland disaster would begin at Quebec or Montreal on June 19.

STATE GOLFERS BADLY BEATEN AT BROOKLAWN

Only One Connecticut Couple Wins In Morning Foursomes

ONE MATCH TAKES 20 HOLES TO DECIDE

Abbott and Sprott of Bridgeport Take Their Game Four Up

The Massachusetts golf team won first honors on the Brooklawn club links this morning by taking four out of five two ball foursome matches from the Connecticut team in the annual interstate struggle.

The scores were: S. K. Stearns and H. W. Wilder, (Massachusetts) won from E. E. Moriman and H. Kerr, (Connecticut), 1 up in 20 holes.

W. H. Gady and J. H. Sullivan, Jr., (Massachusetts), defeated Julian Bishop and Nate Wheeler, (Connecticut), 4 up and 2 to play.

Eddie Lowrey, the boy who acted as caddy for Francis Outmet when the latter won the open championship of the United States in 1913, was the center of attraction for the youngsters.

At the close of the morning's play, the visiting golfers were entertained at luncheon at the Brooklawn house.

Singles were played this afternoon, starting at 2 p. m. and the drawings were as follows: S. K. Stearns, Mass., vs. E. E. Moriman, Conn., vs. H. W. Wilder, Mass., vs. H. W. Wilder, Conn., vs. R. E. Sprott, Conn., vs. B. S. Evans, Mass., vs. J. H. Sullivan, Jr., Conn., vs. J. H. Sullivan, Jr., Conn., vs. G. W. Gallup, Conn., vs. C. M. Amery, Mass.

FAGAN ESCAPES WATERY DEATH

James Fagan, 57 years old, 325 Bedford street, Waterbury, was rescued from drowning this afternoon in a fall off the docks at the foot of Wall street. John Hannan and John O'Neil, deckhands of a steamer, rescued him as he was losing his hold on the dock planks.

Bridgeport Firm To Get B. E. S. Hardware Contract

A Bridgeport firm will receive the contract for hardware to be used in the erection of a new high school. Members of the Board of Education who yesterday met in the office of architect James Gamble, Jr., inspected samples submitted by five different manufacturers.

What action is contemplated could not be learned today as members of the firm were not in their offices during the afternoon.

SPEED TRAP LANDS BRIDGEPORT MEN

The state police set a trap last evening between Fairfield and Westport in which they caught seven persons driving automobiles. The following were arrested in Westport and will be tried this evening: E. K. Fitzsimmons and Ferris Goodell of this city for speeding; Alois L. Doering of Danbury for speeding; Arthur Collins of this city for not having a tail light.

ROCKEFELLER IS FAR TOO ILL TO TALK OR WRITE

Lawyer Tells I.C.C. Attempt to Testify Might Prove Fatal

Washington, June 6.—When the interstate commerce commission resumed its investigation of financial affairs of the New Haven railroad today, John A. Garver, attorney for the railroad, made a statement that, according to Mr. Rockefeller's physician, it would be dangerous for Mr. Rockefeller to come to Washington and testify.

Garver said it was impossible for Mr. Rockefeller to write, as he was afflicted with palsy. The witness admitted that Mr. Rockefeller recently had attended meetings of the New Haven board but added involved no nervous strain.

Commissioner McChord announced that no decision had been reached by the commission as to accepting the typewritten statement of George MacCulloch Miller, director of the New Haven, submitted yesterday for the record. A hour later, however, David E. Brown, an accountant for the commission, testified that an examination of the records of the New England Navigation Company did not show the purchase of the New Haven and Rochester Railway by the New Haven Company, although the books of J. P. Morgan & Company disclosed the fact that such a purchase had been made through the Morgan house.

ST. GEORGE LOSES JOB, THEN TAKES LIFE BY OWN HAND

Evidently despondent from not being able to find employment, Fred B. St. George, 38 years old, single, and living with his parents at 122 Baswick avenue, today committed suicide by swallowing a large quantity of carbolic acid.

St. George, who was employed as a mechanic at the plant of the American Graphophone company, was laid off two days ago. He brooded over the loss of his position, but had not intended that he would attempt self-destruction.

When his mother went to visit him at his home, she found him apparently suffering great pain. The ambulance was called and the surgeon immediately detected the odor of carbolic acid, though no pills had been found or evidence he had purchased it.

BAND CONCERT SUNDAY

The opening band concert of the season will begin at sunset today at 7:30 p. m. at the foot of Wall street. The Wheeler and Wilson band will be heard under the direction of Louis F. Chermak.

ANDRES CANDIDATE FOR DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Charles Andres of 127 Burroughs street, this city, will be the candidate for department commander at the state convention of the United Spanish War Veterans, to be held at the Hotel Hamilton, New York, June 12 and 13.

A. O. H. CELEBRATES HOME RULE PASSING

All of the state officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be present Sunday afternoon at the class initiation and celebration of the passage of the Home Rule for Ireland bill to be held by Division No. 1, A. O. H., of this city. There will be about 40 new members of the division put through the degrees of the order in full form by a recently organized degree team and the business part of the meeting will be followed by an entertainment, social session and refreshments.

In addition to the state officers, the county officers of the order and the officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary will also be present. There will be addresses by the visitors and also by a couple of local speakers. All members of the order are requested to be present.

SIEMON CASE IS REOPENED BY CORONER

Phelan and Police Officers Visit Scene of DeMartino's Death

BIRMINGHAM TELLS OF FINDING GLASS

Two Goggles In Pole Mark Place Where Motor Car Swerved Into Curb

Accompanied by Superintendent of Police Eugene Birmingham and Detective Edward Cronan, Coroner Phelan today visited the scene of the killing of John DeMartino supposedly by the car driven by Carl F. Siemon. The telephone pole near the corner of Fairfield avenue and Grove street was pointed out by both Superintendent Cronan and Detective Cronan as the one with which the Siemon car collided. There were no evidences upon the surrounding trees that the car at any time struck them, but the pole, near the bottom, was badly gouged as though by the hub of a wheel. About six feet from the street the pole was again gouged. This mark both officers remember seeing the morning following the accident and had evidently been made by the top of the machine.

The hearing was started in the District Attorney's office in the County Court House. The only two called to testify were the two officers. Detective Cronan reported to the coroner that he had been in communication with George E. Pratt, Siemon's former bookkeeper, and that he refused to be present. While the coroner refused to say positively, it was intimated that Siemon would be called to testify.

Detective Cronan was asked regarding the location of the marks upon the pole when he visited the scene the morning after the accident. He testified that there was a mark about six feet from the ground as though it had been struck by the top of the automobile. He then told of glass that had been found upon the Siemon car. He further testified that this lamp might have been broken by striking the pole. He said that the pole, as had it been broken striking the pole, it would have damaged the mudguard and the footboard much more than the evidence showed. He testified that there were two glass pieces on the corner and the pole but that one had been removed recently.

Superintendent Birmingham then testified that he had picked up a number of pieces of glass in the street. He said that he had been struck by some vehicle with great force. Detective Cronan was instructed to get a blueprint of the model of automobile owned by Siemon at the time in order to see whether it was possible for the car to have been struck by the pole without badly damaging the mud guard and the footboard.

CELEBRATE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF WHITE PLAGUE WAR

Wallford, Conn., June 6.—Ten years of warfare against the white plague were completed today when the Gaylor Farm Sanitarium, under the auspices of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association gathered at its sanitarium, Gaylor Farm, today, for its annual meeting. More than usual interest was attached to this year's annual meeting for many former patients of the institution came back, restored to health, to give living testimony to what the sanitarium had done for them.

ROOSEVELT IS GUEST OF FRENCH STATESMAN

Paris, June 6.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt was the guest today at a luncheon given by Gabriel Hanotaux, former minister of foreign affairs.

ALLEGED BLACKMAILING CASE CONTINUED WEEK

The case of Ralph T. Borino and Leonard Maniero, accused of blackmail, came up in the city court this morning following a conference between Prosecutor DeLaney and State Detective Frank Virelli. The case was postponed for one week. Bonds of \$1,000 under which the two accused were recently placed were again continued.

H. P. WHITNEY'S HORSE IS WINNER OF HANDICAP

Manchester, Eng., June 6.—Harry P. Whitney's Harmonicon today won the Suffolk borough handicap of \$4,000 against a field of 14 runners. Adular was second and Mercutio third. The distance was six furlongs.

SHAD FISHING SEASON CLOSES TUESDAY NIGHT

Hartford, June 6.—Contrary to published reports there will not be any extension of the shad fishing season. Superintendent John M. Crampton, of the state fisheries and game commission today authorized the following: "Owing to amendment of the general statutes relative to shad fishing, the shad season will not be extended. The shad season will close at midnight on June 10."

FOUR MEN KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Camsak, Sask., June 6.—Four men were killed and several injured when an eastern bound Canadian Northwestern passenger train crashed head-on into a west bound freight here late last night. Among the dead are two mail clerks.

MEDIATORS SEEK EARLY DECISION FROM CARRANZA

Time for Deliberation Important to Success of Peace Parley

Niagara Falls, June 6.—Definite word about the constitutional attitude toward mediation is not expected by the South American envoys until Monday or possibly Tuesday. They realize that General Carranza's trip from Durango to Saltillo will occupy him during the next 48 hours and they are disposed to worry about the delay, believing that the time for deliberation is an essential at this moment.

The mediators have no inkling of what the constitutionalists will do nor of the other side of the question. The feeling, however, is one of hope.

The question of ammunition shipments to either the constitutionalists or the Huerta government is not giving the mediators any concern, as they hold it to be an issue purely for the American government to decide upon.

Washington, June 6.—Francisco Utriqui, agent for the Mexican constitutionalists in this city, announced today that in the absence of any definite statement that Secretary Bryan had given orders to prevent the shipment of arms and ammunition to the Huerta government, he will continue to purchase and ship ammunition to Carranza's army through Tampico.

GIRL GETS \$20,000 TO EASE SUFFERING OF BROKEN HEART

Chicago, June 6.—A verdict awarding \$20,000 damages to Miss Georgia Joy against Homer Rodeheaver, chairman for "Billy" Sunday, evangelist, for breach of promise to marry was returned today by a jury in the circuit court.

Miss Joy alleged that she met Rodeheaver in Ohio. They became friends and he proposed marriage to her and she accepted. Later, she learned he refused to marry her because marriage would interfere with his career.

CONTRACT FOR YEAR BOOK

The Inter-Type Composition Co. will receive the contract to print 700 copies of the Municipal Register at \$1.25 per copy. The Joyce Press will get the contract to bind the books at 35 cents per copy.

GRANGE WOMAN DIES OF A BROKEN BONE

Danbury, June 6.—Mrs. Jennie Day Ryder, wife of former Selectman Edward H. Ryder, died last evening at her home as the result of injuries received when the horse which she was driving ran away in Bethel.

WESTINGHOUSE STRIKERS GAINING RECRUITS

Pittsburgh, June 6.—Large crowds of strikers surrounded the entrances to the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company's plants in East Pittsburgh when the strikers blew for the men to report for work this morning and, as each workman entered the gates, he was called upon by friends in the crowd to join them. There were some additions to the ranks of the strikers. There was no disorder.

GOVERNOR WALSH OF MASSACHUSETTS SIGNED A BILL REQUIRING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO DEVOTE THEIR ENTIRE TIME TO THEIR DUTIES.